

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

August 26, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2019-182-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2019-182-E - South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Updated Procedural Matters.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Section 58-40-20 of Act 62 states, in part, that the Commission shall open a generic docket to investigate and determine the costs and benefits of utilities' current net energy metering programs.

Assessing the value of distributed energy resources (DER) requires an analysis of a broad range of impacts that DER has on a utility, its customers (including customer-generators or "prosumers"), and society. A cost-benefit analysis is an important tool in conducting such an assessment. Under Act 62, each utility shall conduct a cost-benefit analysis of its renewable energy net energy metering (NEM) programs over 10 years and report the results to the Commission.

In the interest of consistency, the Commission has created guidelines for utilities to follow when preparing these cost-benefit analyses.

I move that we approve the guidelines created for the creation of these cost-benefit analyses with a written order defining the specific factors to be addressed to all affected parties to follow.

In addition, Section 58-41-40(A) of Act 62 states that it is the intent of the General Assembly to expand the opportunity to support distributed renewable energy generation and storage and to support access to distributed renewable energy generation and storage options for all South Carolinians, including those who lack the income to afford the upfront investment in renewable energy and storage. To promote that goal, I move that the Commission:

- Request that utilities provide to the Commission the best practices concerning net energy metering from other utilities and other states, particularly those in the Southeast, and
- Require utilities to provide a forecast of solar distributed generation in their service territories for the next 10 years.

A final order elaborating on these matters will be issued.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

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BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u>

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